

# The Path of the Scarlet Flame

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## Chapter 1

She slowly worked pastry brush, covering submerged in cream strawberry glaze. Strawberry jam glaze gave a pale pink hue.

She could not stand the red fluid in all its manifestations, whether it be food, drink, aromatic oils or even household chemicals, but a pale tint it is not annoying. So she went on quickly, but gently cover the mountain strawberry shiny glaze.

When finished, she began to turn the stone pedestal, evaluating the result of their labors. Dessert, which they called each other “number 6”, was a cake with a diameter of about eighteen centimeters covered strawberries in a circle, which is visible under the grill cream, after whom it is named. Of course, the French name «Le Labyrinth de la fraises» had to be replaced by more meaningful “Strawberry labyrinth”, but the main charm of this cake remained all the same – it is easily divided into smaller pieces, each of which was exactly three strawberries.

When finished viewing, Kakei Mihai turned to the woman standing next forty-something years, cooking cheesecake.

– I do everything.

In response Himi Kaoru Aunt Michael shook stand inspected creation from all sides and, finally, smile.

– Very well, Mya. The remaining Mazes also on you.

– Se ...

From the surging wave of relief Mihai almost replied «THX», but immediately recovered:

– Thank you.

Nodding, aunt returned to his desk and went to work, and Mihai finally allowed himself a slight smile. Although she never tried to smile, but now she could not help it. In the end, she was first told that she created a cake fit for sale.

Removing the finished cake in the refrigerator, she put on the table a new stand, and then began to quickly, but gently work pastry knife, holding in his other hand container with whipped cream. She already knew that the secret of success lies in the correct rhythm. This concerned the preparation of cakes, and riding a motorcycle ... and battles in the world.

Noticing that the beginning of the distractions, Mihai again centered on the cake. Today was Saturday, which means that she will visit their cafe. It is, as usual, will order Strawberry maze, which is why Mihai decided to prepare it in advance. The taste of this cake is quite could influence the outcome of today’s battle for territory. Of course, being a monochrome Queen, she would not personally involved in these battles, but it was to no less important work on drawing up the teams for the protection of areas and Nakano Nerima.

... Her thoughts wandered again not there. Aunt of Michael, the chief confectioner in the cafe, was transformed into a strict boss, when she put on an apron, and the slightest flash in the pan in a very strictly punished. Mihai studied with her for two years, but still hear reproaches more often than praise.

However, Mihai is not at all sad. On the contrary, she trusted the kitchen of his aunt, precisely because it is such a

person. It is thanks to her, she felt confident in the cafe, which opened her father, and she turned into a confectioner's shop after it had inherited from him.

Yes, despite the fact that Michael is only sixteen years old, it is not only the con-trainee and the waiter in the cafe Patisserie La Plage, but also his manager and owner.

In the fall, four years ago, Father Michael passed away from heart disease, cardiomyopathy, leaving twelve Mihai its cafes near the station Sakuraday in Nerima.

Mihai was unpleasantly surprised by how little family came to her father's funeral. Father was only interested in motorcycles and cafes. Because of this, he had the reputation among Kakei, a family of hereditary workaholic, abnormal, and relatives held by him alone.

In shock and prostration Mihai somehow survived the funeral service, but she was not given time to mourn at home. Value for aunts and uncles to sit down at the table for a memorial, they immediately began to discuss her future.

After Father Michael turned bedridden, he had a long time to persuade resisting daughter, and as a result, he barely had time to prepare a testament to his own funeral. As the mother of Mihai died even earlier, by the terms of the will it has received in the inheritance not only all the property of his father, a cafe and a solid savings, but also was forced to move to a boarding school in Nerima before graduating from high school.

When the will was read, uncles and aunts immediately exclaimed: "Yes, how can you!" And then began to speak excitedly, that a child can not be without a family, and to offer to adopt Michael. When Mihai refused to battle went heavy artillery.

The fact that the inheritance tax required to pay a large sum of Mihai before you get to use your own father. So they offered the property received (including the Italian sports motorcycle) to sell, and hold the money at home, while Mihai will not grow.

It's been five years, but Mihai still believed that they offered this option with the best intentions. Raising another daughter, but still a schoolgirl, the case is by no means cheap, and Mihai very surprised how many families offered her shelter. But although she was grateful to them for their participation, Mihai did not want to live with people who do not share the interests of her father.

For this reason, she did not agree at once, instead saying that has not yet gone from the funeral of his father, and asked for another day out, to cope with the loss. Uncle and aunt reluctantly retreated to a hotel in Ikebukuro, promising to return the conversation to the next evening.

However, Mihai ahead of them. The next morning she went to the only one of the sisters of his father, gone from the funeral imperceptibly – to Himi Kaoru.

But Mihai met with his aunt, who worked in the tea room in a large hotel Akasaka, not because his father commanded her to go to her or something like that. Mihai went to hire her. Ghimpu said that he was going to turn inherited from his father's cafe in confectionery and asked aunt become the chief confectioner.

Mihai understood that her aunt positions of responsibility, and it is unlikely that she just agrees. Initially Mihai intended to ask her three times to give up, he heard three failure, but the aunt answered only asked one thing:

– You're going to open a candy store for me?

What Mihai replied:

– No, that's not it. Confectionery shop was the dream of my parents, who died along with my mother shortly after my

birth.

After thinking for a minute, my aunt said, “Good.” Shortly thereafter, Mihai asked her how she was able to so quickly make a decision that radically changed her life, from the beginning that in less than forty years, and aunt with a smile explained.

She said that once Father Michael asked her “if something happens to look after Michael”. At that time, he only had time to marry the mother of Michael, which Kaoru aunt studied with the cook. Long before the appearance of Mihai born aunt and mother we promised each other that if one of them will open a confectioner’s shop, then they will be to help deal with it together.

So Mihai knew what Aunt Kaoru introduced her parents to each other.

As expected, other aunts and uncles did not initially agree on the candidacy of Kaoru, but further verbal objections did not get. On the same day, they left for their homes in Sendai and Osaka, and instead of them on the threshold of the house, located in the same building as the café, there was Aunt Kaoru and her daughter, cousin Michael, who was two years younger than her. Then Mihai still had no idea that this girl will make her life contribute not less than Aunt Kaoru.

Aunt became head pastry shop, dreamed about parents Mihai ...

A cousin Mihai showed her world, which helped her to cope with grief.

Her name was Akira Himi. At that time she was in fourth grade, and because of the short hair, wool sweaters, pants strict and ordinary points that cold-blooded girl could easily be mistaken for a boy.

Mikhail father’s funeral only adults came, and Akira, she saw for the first time in two years. two years for schoolgirls of junior classes – it is almost eternal, but Akira as Mihai, was taciturn man. Therefore, even when the case was issued, and they were alone, Michael could not talk to her.

But Akira watched it with my own eyes like deep wells, and the day came when she made her a present. But it was not a thing but a program with which Michael soul could break free and find a key to accelerate.

When Mihai first visit to the wonderful world of sitting near the Akira on a motorcycle in the garage of their home, she finally cried so hard, as if that day gushed from it all the tears that she had been saving all his life.

Since that day, four years have passed, but Mihai longer shed a tear or in the real world, any acceleration.

She no longer had the time to cry. Time swept past her with terrifying speed. Even when her mind was accelerated a thousand times, she felt for him. So she continued to move toward your goal as quickly as she could. And all this time she moved with grace worthy of a wild leopard.

## Chapter 2

In the evening on weekdays Mihai had to get ready for school, and only in the long-awaited Saturday morning she could work in the kitchen, but in the afternoon she returned behind the counter, again dressed in clothes of the waitresses.

In fact, most Mihai wanted to learn to bake cakes, but her aunt believed that the work of a waiter service and a café – a priceless experience for any pastry. At first Mihai it was very difficult to smile at visitors, but over time it was used and found that work behind the counter is also very fascinating. Most of all she liked to look at how the smallest of their visitors looked on treats burning eyes, and feel the chest of this picture spreads warmth.

Another problem was the need to dress up in a costume similar to the clothes maid. Aunt Kaoru was able to convince

her to wear it only when told that the design of the dress has developed late mother Michael in his student years. It also helped that the same outfit worn by the other two diligent waitresses. Three years later, by Mihai fully accustomed to these clothes.

Cooked Michael (unfortunately still not without the help of an aunt) Strawberry mazes flew very quickly, and by three o'clock the day they are only two left. Mihai looked at the virtual interface clock with all the great concern, but the sound of the virtual call came only half of the fourth, just before the end of the shift.

In the hall there and then there were a little girl in a white blouse and dark blue skirt, clearly betrayed pupil initial separation of the boarding school. Once he visited and she Mihai.

– Welcome.

Although Mihai and I tried not to give out their voice surging relief when she meet eyes with a girl as she smiled mischievously. Nodding his head with red pigtails, she ran up to the counter and put freckled face to the window.

Her backpack slipped on his shoulder, and rustled in tablet computer and textbooks. Mihai patiently waiting for the order, even though she knew exactly what she asks. As soon as the girls look down on the two remaining cake, her face immediately brightened.

– Cheers, still have! I Maze!

– One Strawberry maze. Your order is accepted, wait.

Of course, do not be in the form of Mihai, she would have just said “Jess”, but even now she has decided not to ask her if she would eat the cake here or take away with them. After preparing the dish, she opened a shop window fridge.

When she was stretched cake redhead girl, the door opened again, and in the hall there was a clatter of two more pairs of legs, and then a loud voice:

– I want strawberry maze!

– And I want strawberry! As much as possible!

It turned out to be a girl of four or five years. woman came after them – appear to be their mother. Mihai greeted their duty, “Welcome”, is transferred to another waitress, and she went to the checkout. She has appeared not very good feeling.

Girls like sisters, they saw that there was only one cake. For a moment, they both calmed down, and then wail:

– I want strawberry!

– No, Sein! I'm the first to say!

– No, Sana! Strawberry mine!

Immediately after that, there were tears in their eyes. Mother frowned and was about to say something in the spirit of “you are older, you and patience”, but ...

Order Maze red-haired girl turned to Michael, smiled and said:

– Excuse me, I want to change my order. I cherry pie.

With these words, she sat down on the floor and stroked the crying girl in the head.

– Oh well. See – two cake.

Then she walked over to the counter, behind which stood Mihai opened the showcase and put in place the Labyrinth. Girl's eyes widened in amazement.

– Another one! Mom, two cake!

Hearing these joyful voice, the girl sat up, smiled, and then nodded their mother, still standing guiltily.

Mihai got cherry pie from the other shop window and went to the cashier, feeling chest pain dreary.

Initial shopper Labyrinth learned in sixth grade. Though she and these older sisters, too, but so far only a child. No one would blame her if she refused to share the cake with the other girls, especially since this cake she waited a whole week.

But she ignored the tears of little sisters ... or rather, could not ignore them. It has long been nothing left child. The fact is that if we consider "psychological" age, not physical, this girl could well be older than even Michael.

When she went to the cashier, before it was highlighted immediately account window. Looking at the amount of "430 yen" and a little thought, the girl added:

– And cold milk tea.

– Well, – Mihai nodded and added to order a drink.

The girl pressed the button under the inscription "600 yen", and there was a ringing sound is reminiscent of an old cash register.

Although this product has and the usual box office, which could take the cash, its functionality had to use almost every month. During these years, most people "money" – this is just the number that appears in the virtual neyrolinkera interface. Suffice it to have access to the data of the virtual bank account, and all payments can be carried out in automatic mode.

But Mihai knew to dial the 600 yen, the girl had to work very seriously to save on school lunches, and this Saturday a hike in the cafe – the only luxury in life, she allowed herself.

Unyav feelings arising in the breast, Mihai waited disappear payment window, and then said:

– Your order will be ready soon, is take a seat.

– Well, – said the girl with a smile and went into the corner of the room.

Watched the small figure, Mihai went to a small kitchen in front of the cash register. She wanted tea was the more delicious as possible apology for the fact that it did not manage to eat the cake.

As was already half of the fourth, Michael changed soon come to an end.

Going to the door marked "Trespassing", she looked sideways. The girl has managed to finish eating cherry pie and drove his fingers on the virtual desktop. Noticing the look of Michael, she raised her head, and when she nodded to her, lifted her bag and walked over to her.

Despite the fact that the girl went to a service door, the other waitress did not pay any attention to it. The girl was justified by the fact that Mihai graduated from the same school that she (and it's true), and because it is every Saturday went to her for help with homework.

In the back of the business establishments located in closet and bathroom, but Mihai I went forward without stopping. Until 4 hours remained for twenty-five minutes, and the time for dressing remained. Opening the farthest door, she missed the girl herself forward, and then went after her.

This is not too big room, one table and several sofas. In the past there has always registered a room for private dinners, but as long as the café converted into a pastry shop, Mihai decided to use it for personal purposes.

Value Mihai close the door, as a noble red-haired girl instantly disappeared. She took off her shoes and sat on the couch, crossed her legs and held: "Phew ..."

Mihaly could hardly suppress a smile and asked:

– ... If you're so hurt, it could eat itself.

In response, the girl immediately exclaimed irritably:

– Do not hurt me! I turned into the energy of sadness! – To confirm his words, she abruptly yanked his feet and folded his hands behind his head. – ... And in general, if I offended, be offended chief Kaoru stunned cook cherry pie.

– I see ... – just one word said in response Mihai.

But judging by the reaction of the girls, she realized something. Looking at Mihai his green eyes, she asked:

– Hold on, Pard, it appears today Labyrinths did you?

From such a direct question Mihai could not escape. Has not changed in the face, she said:

– Only the outer part of the workpiece made aunt.

– I see ... oh, I'm sorry I did not try – the girl immediately pulled away from the back of the sofa and tried to apologize, but Mihai could answer:

– You have nothing to apologize for. On the contrary, I must thank you, Rhine – you did not give the girls cry.

– From Tears children become stronger ... I say just like Chef Kaoru.

In response to these words, Mihai still smiled a little, and then said:

– From now on, every Saturday Labyrinths I do.

– Oh, well, then definitely try next week – with a grin said the girl, and then abruptly switched to a strict tone. – Well, before the battles for territory remains a little more. Today, we expect an attack on the "Hiliksa". Do not underestimate them, otherwise problems may occur.

– Kay – briefly said Mihai and took a deep breath.

From the waitress she turned into the chief officer of the Legion Prominence in Blood Leopard.

Sitting on the sofa, she took XSB-cable and connect to the switch under the table. The room in which they were, were screened, and connect to the network from it could only be by means of a cable.

When she joined the cable with his neyrolinkerom girl opposite, Kodzuki Unico, commander of Prominence, the Red Queen Scarlet Rhine, did the same, and then showed a hand with two fingers bent. This is not some sly gesture, but just a warning about the beginning of the countdown.

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As only a short countdown ended, he said Mihai spell learned four years ago:

– Bërst link.

### Chapter 3

«Brain Burst 2039”, a network fighting game in a full immersion.

A world that opened before Michal her cousin Akira.

As a child, Mihai is not very fond of the game with full immersion. Most of what it lacked – in the rare event with his father in the virtual racing. So when Akira first told her about the BB, Mihai her words did not impress. She did not understand what was to come up with an incredible acceleration of technology just to play with it via a brutal game.

But when she first came to the acceleration of the world, like all her doubts vanished. Its first opponent was, of course, Akira – rather, “Aqua Karent,” as she was known in this world. They fought at the level of “Primeval Forest”.

The relief level is exactly the same area Sakuraday in Nerima, but the asphalt was gone, and the building turned into huge trees, stretching to the horizon.

When Mihai saw that can be considered in great detail every blade of grass, every pebble, I realized that this virtual world is not like any of those she had seen. She could feel the fresh aroma of foliage, I saw sunlight makes its way through the trees. It seemed that the world pours into her mind as much information as you can not even real.

But that’s not all. Like Akira, Mihai took another look. Her body enveloped translucent scarlet armor of unknown material, similar to plastic or glass, in the hands and feet hidden claws, ready at any moment to stretch forward, and there was a leopard’s head with sharp fangs on his head.

When Mihai realized what has become, in the first place I felt no surprise, and the urge. Her body was torn to freedom, like all the feelings that it suppresses in himself since the day she learned about his father’s illness, wanted her to give them freedom.

And Mihai ran. Powerful legs leopard easily carry it through the woods. She ran diagonally across the entire zone faster than the wind. She ran, and cried, remembering his good, faithful, strong father.

The tears stopped, only thirty minutes from when the duel there were only ten. Mihai came back to patiently waited all this time, Akira.

Avatar cousin a little like it herself. Her frail body bathed water, endlessly flowing and returning to the top. She looked much stranger Michael, and still resembled itself from the real world.

Mihai looked directly into the blue eyes of my cousin and asked only one question:

– How to become even faster?

The answer was brief:

– Become stronger.

Like that day four years ago, Mihai found herself on the Primeval Forest level and waited for the start of the battle.

While they were at the usual dueling field, it was a “war for territory” – one of the team battles, held every Saturday night, and require special attention. There can not be, as in the usual duel, rush forward, as soon as the burn out



before the eyes of the cherished letters «FIGHT».

However, Michael tactic for territorial battles nothing abstruse are not represented – to track down the enemy team and zakusat death.

Her leopard avatar took up a position at the top of the trees, the western part of the level. It might seem like a lush branches and fog limit its review, but from the watchful eye leopard eluded even the faint glare from the ground. In addition, through the level of the center of the diagonal went flat area where the reality was eight ring – on it there was virtually no objects behind which he could hide avatars.

In the meantime, Mihai looks around the neighborhood with a 250-meter height, from the lower branches came the tense voice:

– Pas-ard, well, why do not we just go into battle ...

He said a slender female avatar named Mustard Saltitsid .

As is often the case in an accelerated world, the first color avatar name is remembered easily, thanks to an appropriate color avatar, in this case, “mustard”, but the second, a proper name, was so unusual that those who heard it for the first time bērst linkers asked to repeat several times, asked to repeat as many even after repeated meeting. Mihai also did not identify the word from the beginning, but it has long read that “Saltitsid” means “spider-horse.” As befits a “spider” avatar, color Saltitsid much as eight large eyes. And, of course, they are not concentrated in the front of the mask: the eyes have both on the sides and at the back.

Through his eyes Saltitsid has a very wide field of view (take a long addiction – go and try to understand which one eye looking forward, and a back), and therefore was considered one of the best scouts Legion. But, unfortunately, its ability to require constant concentration, and she has managed to get tired, even from the beginning of the battle in less than five minutes.

– Do not rush. First – find the enemy troops – briefly said Pard, and then again began to peer into the forest.

Teams fighting for territory, composed of at least three people. The composition of the Red Legion Prominence numbered thirty-three bērst linker, and given the fact that the Nerima area is divided into four zones, then the protection of each area can be distinguished by eight people.

But this is only a theoretical calculation. In practice, Brain Bērst played pupils in primary and secondary classes, and not all of them are free on Saturdays. Commander Prominence Scarlet Raine decided that the case in reality, always take precedence over the Accelerated World, and did not mind if the protection of the territory and does not reach thirty. And now, June 29, 2047, alone, unexpected requests for absence were received as many as three, and on the protection of Nerima were able to stay only twenty-five people. They were divided into four teams – 6, 6, 6 and 7 Legionnaires.

Of course, ideally, they should have to predict which of the areas will unfold the most extensive fighting to be sent there at once ten or more persons, but predictions, unfortunately, is not always true. This was especially true projections of the Legion “Hiliks” from Itabashi, regularly attack on Prominence the last month. Its commander is very smart, and predict exactly how it will organize an attack, it is difficult.

Therefore, it was decided that in all four areas of Nerima main tactics will be protective. One group headed Red Queen herself, the second – Blood Leopard, the chief of “Triplex” Legion officers, and two other groups – the other two triplexes, Cassis Mousse and Thistle Porkyupayn . Hiliksa squad got named Mikhail group.

As the number of attackers and defenders avatars equalized, they had to battle on 6 6. With so many avatars, each team may divide no more than two or three platoons. Mihai sent to capture the central base of the four most efficient in avatar combat, and she stayed with Mustard Saltitsid behind to monitor the situation.



Apparently, Hiliksa squad was divided in the same way – a detachment of four ingeniously moved straight to the “fortress”. But the danger represented by two special avatar, which was not with them. If you do not find them in time, a friendly combat unit may be clamped in a vise.

But ... in spite of the seriousness of the situation, from the bottom again donëssya lazy voice:

– Why do not we ourselves do not hamstring the enemy fighting force, and then do not sit down on the fortress to a victorious?

– It is no longer “zasizhivaniya” and “stagnation” is obtained, – joked Mihai in reply, but there was a grain of truth in the words Saltitsid.

Prominence Red Legion called because it was dominated by long-range red avatars. Entrenchment on the basis of energy and charge for special moves – one of the surest road to victory by fire superiority.

But this tactic has its risks. Regardless of the level of the fortress it is always an open platform, easily visible enemies. Since the fortress itself can not defend avatars, ideally recovering her fighters should cover at least two other avatars. Pard sent to the vanguard of the two avatars red, one blue avatar melee and one green avatar protective type, but still doubted that this force will be enough to keep the castle.

Worse – among their opponents was Hiliksa commander, a man who outstripped his head most of the leaders of small legions, and that is sure to have prepared some kind of answer to the favorite Prominence “artillery” tactic.

And at this very moment a detachment of four opponents, move somewhere in the eastern part of the forest and stopped.

The tree on which there is Mihai and Saltitsid, in the real world was a pipe treatment plants near the station Hikarigaoka in Nerima, and the fortress was located at the intersection of Eighth Ring and 441 th of the road, more than two kilometers away.

From this distance, the opponents might not even notice the animal’s eyes Michael. Continuing to seek out look “special forces” of the enemy, she said, his partner at the bottom:

– IDC, you can tell who they have in the “serf” detachment?

– And, yes, second – Saltitsid responded and immediately pulled her head. After a few seconds, she said quickly, – Ahead of them, a large green avatar – seems this Verdant Colossus. Right behind them a large brown avatar Cinnamon Raccoon. More there is a medium-sized purple avatar named Azalea Baton, and ... behind all stands a small yellow avatar. I see it for the first time, but, as I understand it, is rutile check .

– ...!

Mihai breathed noisily, and realized it Saltitsid surprise in a moment.

– A-ah-ah! So, the commander of Berwick is not with them ?! The four – just a distraction ?!

Of course, the commander of the detachment does not necessarily have to be present on the front line. So, Mihai itself detachment commander, but looking out for enemies from afar.

But Hiliksa leader Beryllium Coyle, a very strong fighter. If he expects to capture a detachment of the central fortress in which there himself, he greatly underestimates Prominence, one of the six great Legions.

... No, Beryllium could not allow such a stupid mistake. Rather, he and another avatar (by exception, the second “special” Text to be red “Chili Powder”) planned to attack the main squad Prominence from behind, catching them by surprise during the battle.

But if so, the special squad had to cross the eight ring. Prominence squad continues to move toward the goal, and two minutes later would have a fortress. If they have not yet come on the road, then do it now and bypass enemies from behind just do not have time, and if you try to catch them on the road side, then reveal its position and come under heavy fire long-range attacks, having lost a large part of health. For the sake of this shared for the two groups is meaningless.

– We have not you noticed how they moved? .. – Mihai said quietly, but Saltitsid did not agree with it.

– But how?! They ran through the eight ring so that both of us did not notice? It is absolutely impossible!

Mihai nodded. Some avatars have the ability to move around unnoticed even by the open space, but neither commander opponents nor Chile Powder is not such powers do not have ... as far as she knew.

She could not be fully confident in their skills as avatars eventually become stronger. They teach new special moves, acquire new potentiating equipment and so on. Over the past four years, Mihai grown to the sixth level, and she has got a lot of new skills.

But the development of the avatar and have limitations. Avatar can master the ability runs counter to its color and inclinations. So, the commander Helix Beryllium – metallic avatar melee, and Chile – ranged avatars. These avatars must not have abilities that can hide them from the eyes of Michael and Saltitsid.

When Mihai was thinking about it in her head to pop up the image of Beryllium, with whom she had ever fight a few times. This avatar of silver-green color, the main feature of which – a spring in her arms, after whom it is named. The main weapon of the avatar -zakreplënnye on blade springs, which can be thrown forward dramatically.

At the same time, the metal beryllium and fists in themselves very strong, which allows him at any time and switch between them with knives. Due to the fact that it can be changed on the fly and the type attribute of their attack, the difficulties in the fight with him feel even Mihai. In the old days, only the blade was hidden in his right hand, but at some point he received for the next level of the blade and the other hand ...

At this very moment, Mihai decided again to take a look the list of their opponents in the top right corner. Beryllium Coyle at the top. Level 5. But when they fought the last time, it was an avatar of the fourth level.

– IDC, jump! – Mihai cried after the chemical impulses in her head transformed into awareness.

Despite his laziness, in crucial moments Saltitsid showed that it is not in vain considered reliable veteran. She was surprised, there was nothing to ask again, and only jumped to Michael, commending the words: “That’s right”

Once slim avatar, named after the spider caught on Michael, she immediately bent down and strained thigh, which, as befits a female avatar, were quite voluminous. She had figured the wind direction and calculated, where they have to jump.

But neither the wind nor the power avatar Blood Leopard would not have given them to overcome 2 kilometers in one jump. In addition, a fall from a height of 250 meters on the road just to finish off both avatars.

However, Mihai did not hesitate for a second, and a strong body leopard jumped struggled, taking with them Saltitsid. But it is not jumped to the east, to the center of the fortress, and to the west, to the open area.

At the last moment she turned sharply before the jump. If it saw the audience, they may decide that Mihai wanted to escape.

Of course, the escape out of the question. Soon after the jump avatars reached the highest point of the trajectory and started to approach the ground, but when to imminent death had only a few seconds, they suddenly flew back in the direction of a huge tree. Saltitsid clutched in his hand a thin, transparent, taut thread. The other end of this thread

went to the branch from which they jumped and flew avatars on it as a pendulum.

This “Pereleznaya Thread” – the ability Saltitsid. Spiders-racers are so called because instead of having to live in the nests, they are tied to a tree-like filaments that make them fear no fall.

– Ooh-hoo! – I heard an enthusiastic voice Saltitsid, managed the thread.

They flew so fast, as if all the energy of free fall has moved into the energy level flight. Very soon avatars crossed the lower point of the trajectory, and began to climb. Podgadat optimum moment, Saltitsid cut the thread.

Avatars again flew parabolic trajectories, but this time – towards the very plain eight ring, which led to the central fortress. The advance party of 4 avatars in less than a minute left the forest and will be on the road. On the instructions they will immediately proceed to the seizure of the fortress, but at that moment they will attack suddenly Beryllium. And, most likely, it is not going to attack from the flank or from the back, and ...

– And ... Pard, look! – Saltitsid cried, shouting over the noise of the wind.

She pointed a finger to the area east of eight ring. Mihai saw in the forest something flashed, but not in the woods, and above it. Something flew through the air, like Michael and Saltitsid.

Although Mihai eyes can not see the flying object at this distance, it is quite certain that this Beryllium Coyle and Chile Powder. They were in the air, not because they were able to fly (only one Avatar Accelerated World is so powerful), and thanks to the energy of the springs. In other words, Beryllium tossed them into the air by means of springs your avatar.

– I’m turning. Hold on tight.

Once Mihai said these words, Saltitsid replied briefly, “so sure!”, And avatars crossed the upper point of the parabola, and began to decline. Leap moved them forward about 700 meters, but the fortress still remained more than a kilometer. They need to have time before Beryllium have overtaken the vanguard.

Casting a glance at a forest, said the name of Mihai special moves:

– Shape CHANGE.

Body Blood Leopard enveloped in red lights. Inside the fire broke out like. Limbs become bestial: strong and clawed. The body thinner and fell, head and neck are moved by changing the angle at which were attached to the body.

For a moment looked like Leopard is not an ordinary female avatar, and a leopard. Saltitsid straddled her, and avatars rushed into the gap between the trees. They are rapidly approaching the Earth. Although they fall and not vertical, it will still be much to hurt them. However, Mihai pulled his hands ... that is, the front legs, and landed on them, and then suddenly rushed forward, without receiving any damage. Go to the “animal mode” activated the ability to “fall protection”.

– Excellent, beige ...

Joyful replica Saltitsid cut short. The wind almost blew it with Michael, and she hurried to cling to the leopard’s neck.

“I told you to stay,” – thought Mihai, and then accelerated even more. Grass and trees swept past with such speed that merged into the green and brown lines. But this is not enough. Remembering the speed with which moved Beryllium Coyle, Mihai understood that it gets to the level of the center in twenty seconds. She needed to overcome the remaining kilometer faster than him. It turns out that it was necessary to move at a speed of more than one hundred and eighty kilometers per hour.

The late Father Michael had left her a legacy of Italian elektromototsikl. When Michael was twelve years old, she gave him the deposit of the familiar studio, and took only two months ago. Thanks to the new law on driving licenses, adopted ten years ago, and is allowed to receive them at sixteen, she was able to start training immediately after graduating from high school and got them in April.

Her motorcycle is equipped with two-wheeled engines of 60 kW each, through which can reach speeds of up to 240 km / h. Of course, Mihai went no faster than 80 km / h even on highways but also on this rate she initially dried up in my throat.

Though now they are only on the virtual battlefield, clash or fall to sharp pain responded, and because such a high speed pretty tickled nerves. When they were in the air, Saltitsid deftly and confidently directing their movement, but now even she struggled for Mikhail held back.

But Mihai just gritted her teeth, or rather, fangs, and continued to struggle to build on the land. It feels like it was close to the speed of around 100 km / h, and it felt as fast beating in the chest of its virtual heart. This rhythm is very much like the sound of the old internal combustion engines.

And at the same time, Mihai felt like in her mind poured cold.

Moral injury, gave birth to her avatar, Leopard Blood, was Mihai fear of the disease which killed her father, and hate her. More specifically, the fear of the engine called the "heart" and a fuel called "blood." It seemed to her that one day and her own heart stop, "exhausted" their resources ...

"Do not think about it!"

Mihai abruptly interrupted his thoughts.

If she does not want to ever get caught up in the depths of fear, it is necessary to move forward at full speed. Each step should be a step forward.

When its speed exceeded cherished hundred, in the chest heard second heartbeat.

Two pulse supported each other like two electric motorcycle. As her body poured fire and legs just full of energy.

There was a loud bang, and the body Mihai has accelerated sharply, carried away into the depths of the forests of scarlet bullet. Her speed almost instantly reached 200 km / h, and the trees that was just beside her, immediately turned back.



The scale in the upper left corner of the start to decrease. Activate abilities “Fast Blood” , with which she overcame the limit speed of the avatar. Blood Leopard – the only known Mihai avatar that can reach a running speed without using potentiating equipment.

Kilometers that separated from her goal, she broke 19 seconds, and jumped out of the woods into the clearing. Before my eyes immediately appeared their primary unit, which move in tight formation to a large metal ring



fortress.

– In all directions !! – Mihai commanded sharply, and then jumped up at an angle, flying over his comrades, and stared into the sky.

And indeed, a few meters above the ground could see the greenish figure Beryllium Coyle who held hands orange Chili Powder, which, in turn, held in outstretched hands two large ball.

And in the next moment, Chile sent them away. The balls began to fall silently in the center began to scatter Prominence team.

– ICC! – Cried Mihai.

“There!” – Replied Saltitsid forward and threw his right hand. From the palm of your hand immediately flew silk thread, once one of the balls. Waving his hand, Saltitsid threw the ball into the woods.

But the second ball they can not reflect same. Saltitsid yarns require recharging, but the fangs and claws Mihai too far. They had only to miss a ball in the air and pray that their comrades had to scatter.

Red ball fell to the ground near the fortress is almost the same moment, when Mihai turned after landing.

Bang ... was not. Instead, let out a ball of red smoke, quickly began to cover the clearing. This “acute Grenades” , special moves Chili Powder. This ball is filled with an incredibly burning gas, causing a sharp pain, damaging and limiting visibility and disturbing conversation.

Smoke caused much more trouble to the enemy than a simple explosion, but the problem of this technique is that far throw a grenade very hard. Due to the fact that the affected area is very large, the reception could hurt yourself and thrower, if he did not manage to escape in time. What’s worse – Chili Powder own armor is very weak, and he usually moved together with a bodyguard, so after throwing a grenade had to run, and the more.

But an unexpected shot from the air to help him get around these limitations. This is a great tactic ... but Mihai could not help but notice that it is painfully similar to ...

“No, I think of the battle!”

By ending thought, distracted her from an important battle, Mihai commanded:

– IDC, hold the main forces of the enemy, which move here!

– Yes sir!

Once Saltitsid jumped from behind, Mihai began to run again. She moved to the point of landing Beryllium Coyle. From cloud of red smoke on the left side of her companions fled. They have lost only a few percent of health, not least due to the fact that they began to flee before the fall of grenades.

– Rob, Simon captured the fortress! Moss, Akon – ICC help to overcome the main squad! – Blurled Mihai instructions, and then rushed to the top of thinner, but yet dense smoke.

Looking inside, she closed her eyes to avoid dazzle. Her body immediately feel the heat, and the scale of the health began to decline, but she ignored the feeling. Running out, she opened her eyes and looked toward the woods, seeing shine above the treetops ...

Even if Beryllium could absorb some of the pulse by means of springs, land from such a height is not easy. And it’s a chance. Mihai came to the role of the forest predator and ran softly, not making a sound.

There was a crunch of twigs.

She saw the back landing avatar – doubtless it Beryllium Coyle leader Hiliksa. In his hand he was and still Chile Powder, but he held it to the right side, apparently hoping to secure the widest possible review.

The first step Mihai made quietly, in the second step has moved into a run, and the third – leapt forward.

She abruptly parted jaw and felt that the gray back of the enemy stiffened. But before he could even turn around as Mihai grabbed ... not Beryllium and pace of Chile Powder. Very snatching it from the grip of Beryllium, she walked Hiliksa leader and flew further.

– Ouch! Where where where ?! – Immediately cried Chile.

Mihai released his foot and then struggling dug into his neck. The enemy shouted from even more severe pain. Teeth pierced orange armor, reached an avatar body and Mihai start immediately to replenish lost health in the fog. Activate abilities “Bite of Life” .

When Mihai landed, showering the ground scarlet special effects, she turned back. Ten meters from it was Beryllium, only just recovered after landing.

And indeed, his avatar has changed a bit since their last battle. Below his legs were huge wound spring. Most likely, because of them and he could jump high and land without receiving damage. They quenched strikes approximately the same, as did the automobile suspension.

– For help! Commander, on in on-omosch! – Shouted Chile Powder, which continued to bite his neck.

Beryllium was rushed forward, but then stopped. He had already noticed that Mihai relaxed bite to its prey lived longer. If Beryllium tried to attack it during the term of Bite of Life, even the inconvenience caused by the fact that its teeth are engaged by another avatar, it would not hurt to heal any wounds that he would be able to apply it. Beryllium have enough brains not to play along with her.

– I'm sorry, Chile. I will avenge you – Beryllium said, raising his fists.

– Promise! I believe you, Commander! – Said Chile Powder, stifled screams.

After these words, Mihai realized that to keep its prey, like a kitten, is already useless. It strongly gnawed neck opponent zeroing health scale. Special Effects avatars of death enveloped Michael, carefully staring at the Beryllium Coyle.

Somewhere near her companions fought with the main forces Hiliksa. Though there is unfolding battle 5 to 4, in a cold-blooded calculation Brain Bërste decides not all. Mihai like as soon as possible to do away with Beryllium and return to the battlefield, but before that she was going to learn something from him.

– You came up with this tactic myself? .. – Quiet asked Mihai.

Beryllium initially shrugged and then shook his head at the triangular glasses.

– Sorry but no. I heard about a man who came up with this wonderful welcome and actively used it in battle. I immediately realized that the long-range flying, and the avatar – a great combination. So I thought, instead of whether and we can try to be able to win with such tactics ... – Apparently, there Beryllium understood something. He paused, nodded and continued, – And clear. Once you have understood everything so quickly and was able to save his unit, you also know this man?

Mihai immediately nodded.



– Yes. I do not just know, and many times fighting against it.

The most common “child” is attached to the same Legion Accelerated World, as its “parent”.

However, as the example of Michael, sometimes on the way there are obstacles. Four years ago, when she had just discovered the Accelerated World, its “parent”, Himi Akira was Nega Nebyulase, Legion of the Black Queen Black Lotus, but in those days the base of the Legion was Shibuya and not Suginami. Nerima, where Mihai lived, is very far away, and so the Legion it was unable to take advantage of the main entry – the ability to reject the challenge to a duel.

Mihai thought long and doubt, and then Akira told her:

– You can always join the Red Legion, which controls Nerima.

Naturally, Mihai replied immediately that circumstances may arise so that the legions to go to war with each other. But her cousin did not even deny such a possibility, but only adjusted in the red-framed glasses, and said:

– If it happens, then we will be able to enjoy battles against each other. I’m sure it will not be so bad.

After listening to the words of his young sister, Mihai joined the Prominence, the Red Legion King Red Ryder. More specifically, they called her to him even when she only learned to fight against other avatars.

Four years ago, non-aggression pact between the Legion has not yet been concluded, and between Nega Nebyulasom and Prominence heavy battles for territory Suginami that separated Sibuyu and Nerima.

Mihai quickly learned, gained experience, and is already on the fourth level, the first time she was invited to participate in one of these battles. She attacked the territory of Suginami 2 as part of the order of 8 people, but among their opponents Aqua Karent not found.

But then partly distressed and partly delighted her lack Mihai, set in the rear to protect the fortress, I saw something incredible. On the background of the sky “Purgatory” level flying avatar heavenly color.

He moved with remarkable speed. Mihai could only run at a speed of 100 km / h, but this avatar flew three times ... no, four times faster. Suddenly appeared in the sky Avatar kept small aloe body in her arms. This little avatar pulled the bow string and let the arrow of fire ... which immediately turned into a bunch of smaller arrows and struck the head Prominence fiery rain.

Mihai had to exert all their efforts to dodge the literally fiery rain, and after that she started in pursuit of the flying the Text north. While part of it sought to prevent a recurrence of the attack, in fact it only enthusiastically chasing her.

Fortunately avatar flew along the Seventh Ring, and switch to the animal Mihai mode with difficulty, but keep up with him. Soon the engine exhaust behind the avatar began to wane, and he landed on the roof of buildings in the Nega Nebyulasa. Mihai immediately jumped on the pedestrian bridge, then onto the roof of a nearby building, and from there – in the building with two avatars.

First the presence of Mihai felt a little red and white avatar ranged and immediately hid behind his companion.

Avatar heavenly color turned slowly, and Michael seemed as if something had pierced her chest. It was a graceful female avatar with flying hair in the wind, like liquid metal. Unlike Blood Leopard in her appearance was not any features awe-inspiring, but, nevertheless, from one type of avatar became clear that he was born of a very, very passionate man.

Mihai was taken aback for a moment, then quickly crouched, ready to fight, but the avatar heavenly color smiled and asked:

– Are you fast. And you have a nice avatar. What's your name?

– Blood ... Leopard – briefly said Mihai.

Her companion nodded and introduced in response to:

– Be sure to remember. I Reyker Skye and this girl – Ardor Maiden.

So Mihai and met with the chief officer Nega Nebyulasa, bērst linker nicknamed “IDB”, with its constant companion, “Testarossa” Ardor Maiden, as well as their original tactics.

The battle between Michael and Reyker was short – heavenly avatar broke its embodiment in three elegant open hand strikes.

Four years have passed. Mihai has long been arch-rival Sky Reyker, but two and a half years ago, she moved away from the fighting in the acceleration of the world, and came back to him and Nega Nebyulas only two months ago.

During this time, not only reborn Nega Nebyulas but Prominence. These two Legion concluded indefinite truce, so long as that of the battle against Sky Reyker could be no question. But Mihai felt that their next duel is near, and knew that when the clouds hanging over the Accelerated World, fade, it will need to appear before recently returning from half asleep “parent”, as well as his opponent in the best possible way – with sharpened in battle claws, sharp teeth, train speed and lightning-fast response.

... But Mihai did not think again see Reyker tactics before the fight with her the next time.

Once it somewhere half a second suppressed the anger that erupted because of the words Beryllium Coyle that he unceremoniously borrowed “successful” tactics, as always indifferent Mihai added:

– Unfortunately, in the original it was three times harder and five times faster.

– Well, I do not argue, – indifferently replied metal avatar, slowly raising his hands. – But today the difference between us – only one level, so that this time I will defeat you without it. Let's start, and then we go and have been waiting for.

– Kay – briefly said Mihai and immediately ducked.

The main feature of the level of “Primeval Forest” – of course, inhabiting his being able to compete in strength with the Enemy unlimited neutral field. However, as demonstrated by intelligence, one kilometer from the center of the fortress there are no creatures. More Primeval Forest no features could not boast, so that their battle is going to be a match of their own abilities berst linkers.

Mihai never liked playing in daylight before the battle, and leapt forward at the earliest opportunity, but suddenly noticed that Beryllium Coyle was a bit lower than before. Mihai quickly realized what was going on – springs on his feet with a quiet sound shrank into the ground.

She immediately arched to the right. changing the trajectory of the jump. At this same moment, Beryllium gray body with a ringing sound rushed forward. Rather than push off from the ground leg, he took advantage of the power of compressed springs.

– Oh, well!

Beryllium thrown forward close to the body left hand. Although avatar Michael and had a strong armor in comparison with many avatars red, iron fist Beryllium could inflict a considerable damage.

However, in the mode of growth of the animal Blood Leopard did not reach even the meter, and get on it is extremely

difficult. Judging by the attitude Beryllium, he prepared for the uppercut and sent Mihai body down, hoping to slip under the arm ...

But then there was a click, and flashed a silver streak in front of Michael. Departed fitted on spring dagger hidden in armlets Beryllium. This ability is called "spring blade".

Naturally, Mihai has not forgotten about the skill of the enemy. But she did not expect that he will be able to build a throwing dagger in sweeping punch.

Beryllium continued to rotate, and its 40-inch blade for a moment was a continuation of his hands. And he podgadat this moment it is under the gate of Michael.

«Cool», – said Mihai himself, turning his head more to the right.

If she was now in humanoid form, it would not be able to dodge under any circumstances, and the dagger to hit her in the face, causing considerable damage. Maybe she could have been avoided and death, but it would probably have lost the eye, which greatly worsened the review.

But in the animal mode, it has a weapon more terrible claws. Four fangs in its mouth, to which a knife and approached.

Of course, I make a mistake it even for a millisecond, and significant damage could not be avoided. But Mihai knew that now she can only act as she can, and do not think about what will succeed or not. This is one of the "Battle of speed" that sometimes occur in this world.

Two months ago, shortly after Mihai was the senior pupil, she had to come together in an unexpected battle command against a single opponent. The battle took place on the "Akihabarskom Battlefield" Mecca bērst linkers. The enemy was bērst linker named Rast Jigs, not shown in the list of opponents, and thus violates the basic rules of the game. Silver Crow partner was a beginner Nega Nebyulasa and only flying avatar Accelerated World.

Although at first glance Crowe produced not too good impression as soon as it came to a battle, it was hard to believe that he was bērst linker only six months ago.

Jigs Rast had the ability that allowed him to throw in the opponents speed spiked rings, from which she could not even defend himself, Mihai. When she tried to naprygnut on the enemy, he, of course, threw in her ring. And then she said, sitting on her back Crowe protect it from attack.

She thought that he would sacrifice his hand to protect them from the ring.

But Crowe said that the inner side of the ring was not serrated, and was able to catch it on his finger. If he made a mistake even for a moment, the ring would be to chop off his fingers as a minimum and as a maximum – an arm or even his head.

At the time, Silver Crow, who became bērst linker three years later Michael taught her that sometimes the outcome of the battle is decided not only in competition avatars speed, but also in the speed competition feelings bērst linkers.

In the two months that have passed since that day, every time Mihai provided on the battlefield, she tried to comprehend this acceleration feeling, temper it. Surprisingly, the farther she perfected this state, the easier and more confident cakes made out in the real world. Perhaps, she was able to learn how to make Strawberry maze precisely because of this.

And now it is time to resort to the skills taught her stubborn boy two years younger than her.

She opened her mouth, and as soon as intuitively felt a dagger between his teeth, abruptly closed her jaw.

There was a metallic clank, and from both sides of the dagger spilled spark. Fang Leopard just enough strength and sharpness, to grasp the dagger and chew it.

– But ... – he heard the voice of surprise on the part of Beryllium.

The failed attack immediately knocked him off balance. At the same time, Mihai waved its tail, throwing his left foot around the Beryllium and buckled avatar.

Mihai landed, flying very tightly with the enemy, and then immediately jumped forward, bounced feet from the nearest tree trunk and made a back flip.

Under a Beryllium she saw the incident. He began again to compress the springs on his feet, apparently hoping to escape with the help of “Bungee Tug”, but it was not going to let him do it.

In an animal roar, Mihai pressed Beryllium feet to the ground and clutched his teeth into his neck defenseless. Teeth carved from sparks and metal avatar armor, and of hidden underneath the body.

– It hurts .. Oh ... you ...!

Beryllium has thrown out a second dagger, intending to stab him in the back Mihai. But a moment before she abruptly shook avatar. In addition to that, she dug her claws even deeper, more and Mihai hit by an attack from the trajectory.

At avatar melee medium size almost no chance to escape from the grip of Blood Leopard back. He seemed to become a prey to a predatory animal.

Continuing to compress Beryllium Coyle teeth, Mihai ran to the east.

– Heck! Yes, you fuck off me, damn cat! – I yelled Hiliksa leader, waving his arms and legs, but he could barely scratch Mihai.

And even these efforts were in vain, because it made up for Bite of Life immediately to reduce the scale.

Scale Health Beryllium is rapidly decreasing due to the bite of Michael and reached zero at the very moment when they left the forest.

– Oh, wait, that's really the next time ...

Avatar Beryllium Coyle crumbled before he could finish. Mihai replied quietly:

– I hope for the next time you will learn to fight. GG.

When she finish, she remembered that this battle can not be called yet won. For the central fortress still have to go fight five against four linkers Prominence Hiliksa linkers. She managed to win Chile Powder Beryllium and without losing health, but she was not going to relax, while the opponents still remained live avatars.

She was going to fight at full strength until the very end.

Roared with such force that it heard the comrades who fought, Mihai ran through the grass.

## Chapter 4

After the territorial battles fifth week of June, Mihai was again in a special room, hidden in the back of the first floor cafe «Patisserie La Plage», and let it out slowly.

While she was under acceleration, her body, of course, continued to breathe. Full round battle for territory held 1.8

seconds, and if uttering the command “bërst link” required exhalation, then for this time the body has enough time to make a full breath.

When she was a newcomer, it is often mistakenly tried to inhale on the return to the real world than bring themselves to cough. Its ‘parent’, Akira, sighed when she saw it, and explained that this reaction is caused by the fact that so many Mihai runs during battles.

Mihai has not fought for three years against Akira or together with it. Based in Shibuya Nega Nebyulas fell ... or rather, in the day when Black Lotus deprived the Red King Red Ryder all the points, everything has changed.

The sudden disappearance of one of the Kings of Monochrome and commander of a large Legion Prominence plunged into chaos. In-game rules of the Legion control automatically transferred to the main officer, but half of Legionnaires refused to recognize its new leader.

The split in the Prominence has led to the fact that in the very next weekend Legion was unable to defend its territory. Of course, the attack did not come from the Royal Legions, and from small and medium, which consisted avatars average levels. The day Prominence has lost more than half of the territory, and one after another flew application for withdrawal from the Legion. Interim leader of the Legion of furious executed one of the fugitives retaliation, but thus only the final split Prominence.

When the drama began to unfold, and the Legion, which served Mihai home more than a year, began to collapse, she tried about anything not to think and look at what is happening as if from the outside.

She barely spoke to Red Ryder, but respected him and felt strong and fair leader. She felt no resentment, serving in the ranks of his army, but, unlike the veterans in the defense of his views never reached fanaticism.

Therefore, when their king has left this world, she took them to defeat the Legion’s very coolly. In the end, the loss in the accelerated world is not dangerous in the real world. If Mihai lost all points, this might not mean that she has not been able to ride a motorcycle or father drinking your favorite coffee.

Mihai believed that such thoughts it is insensitivity. Although she continued to be enrolled in the Prominence, but did not like the new commander and believed that the pace and she will leave the Legion.

She changed her mind when she saw once in the war-torn Nerima unknown to her freshman desperately to defend himself and several of his comrades.

Her level was very low, and the fighting style is best described by the word “roughest”, but in the soul of her burning flame so bright that it could incinerate them the whole level. If she was able to survive in this chaos, it could be much, much stronger. This painting is so impressed with Michael, she trusted his intuition and offered her help.

And intuition did not fail – the girl was not simply “strong”. One year later, it won an avatar 9th level, and she all of a sudden has gained the title of the Second Red Queen ...

– Che ... you lybishsya, Pard? I have something with a person? – Asked Kodzuki Unico, aka the Red Queen Scarlet Rhine, sitting in front of a resentful Pard views.

Mihai shook her head and said:

– I do not smile because of this, Niko.

– No? So, because we won Hiliks?

– ... And it is not so.

– Then what the hell are you ... but, well, you do not want – do not tell.

Nico sat on the couch and offended, as if a child (though in fact it is really only a grader). A little thought, said Mihai:

– During the battle, I thought a lot. About the past.

– Um ... – Nico slightly tilted her head, but then he nodded and said with a smile, – Yes, it's great when a person thinks of the past with a smile.

– ...

At this time already amazed Mihai. Nico quickly guessed what she was thinking, and with a forced smile, continued:

– I and myself has a lot of different memories. For example, the words that you said, when he first spoke to me.

– Please, forget them.

– No way, I will remember forever! – Nico laughed, and then again took a serious view of worthy commander of the Legion, and said: – How would Anyway, congratulations on the successful defense. How are you feeling from Hiliksa?

– Its leader and legionaries – great fighters. And ingenuity.

– Yeah ... if by next week the problem with the ISS kits will not be solved, then we may not be able to focus well on defense. By the way, we had even today with the attendance problem.

– By the way, about this – Mihai looked at Nico frown. – For those men that at the last moment said about the absence, we have a problem.

– A? What else?

– Three out of those who do not come to the defense, without the permission attacked the territory of another Legion.

Nico immediately raised her eyebrows.

– ...What? Who! Who?

– Blaise Hart and her friends. They attacked ... Suginami, Nega Nebyulas.

– What?!

From surprise Nico jumped up from the couch, immediately banged his knee on the table, cried out in pain and immediately sat back down. In her eyes there were tears, but her face remained the same serious.

– Do they want to break the truce ?! – she exclaimed. – Why did they do ... and, ah, it's ... because yesterday ..?

Mihai nodded.

– I think they expected to meet with the Black Queen. Blaise because of those who remained faithful to the previous leader Prominence.

– Um ... not that I did not understand their feelings, but the avatar that yesterday brought us unlimited Enemy on the field, with 80% was not likely to Lotus. So I told them not to take any action until we will collect enough data ...

– But they are attacked, so that nothing can be done. However, I am 80 percent sure that they have lost.

– And I'm at 95. Let's just say, if they suddenly win the Black, I personally praise them when they return.

In response to a very careless remark of his commander Mihai coughed and returned to the subject:

– Whether they win or lose, we will in any case have violated the truce. I will go in Suginami and ask for forgiveness from the Black Queen ...

– And, and ... wait, – Nico held up a hand, stopping Mihai already risen, then I looked up at the ceiling, and a second later her face broke into a smile, clearly indicating that it is a good idea. – ...I'll go.

– ...

– You know, in these matters the personal presence of the commander of the Legion gives additional weight apology.

– ...

– And besides, I'm going tomorrow to go to their school cultural festival, right? I was just on the way!

– ... As you may be on the way if the festival tomorrow?

Mihai slightly narrowed eyes. In response, the Red Queen chuckled and continued:

– Today I spend the night with him, and you will come for me in the morning. And I'll take care of that, and you got a ticket!

– As you wish...

Under normal conditions, Nico would surely have acted more cautiously and agreed to send Michael, but her attitude towards Nebyulasu Nega has always been special. Mihai suppressed fears and nodded. Nico immediately jumped off the couch and picked up the satchel, obviously intending to go in Suginami immediately.

– Leave here and I'll bring it when you come over in the morning.

– Oh, okay. Take care of him as the apple of an eye.

Leaving the pack on the sofa, Nico quick step went to the door and opened it. But before leaving, the young Queen turned and said with a half smile:

– I'll look forward to the opportunity to try your Labyrinth next week, Pard.

– Kay, – said Mihai and nodded with a smile.

Waving goodbye hand, Nico came out.

Mihai stood still, until her footfalls not subsided.

She's four years as a bērst linker. Three years ago, she found a queen who wanted to serve.

After countless battles and elevated levels, she learned to run much faster than before, but still did not reach the speed, which would have been pleased.

She wanted to stop running just for the sake of escaping from their own fear. She wanted to go to the next level. She wanted to become even faster in order to protect the people who are dear to her.

Mihai raised her right hand and gently felt the her. She felt the blood beating in her fingers. Approximately 1 beat per second. The cause of his father's death was an unexpected attack of tachycardia. His heart was beating at a rate greater than 200 beats per minute, and could not stand to have stopped.



We can not exclude the fact that the reason for which he was ill cardiomyopathy hereditary. This means that, perhaps one day, and Mihai fail her cardiovascular system. But Blood Leopard taught her that if she would be afraid of it, you will not be able to move forward.

Let the blood boils. Let the waves poured over the body.

Let's picture it runs quickly but quietly, like a wild predator.

Mihai Niko took the bag with his right hand and left the headquarters of the Legion.